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### Thanks

.. To those parents who attended parent / teacher interviews last term ... if you were unable to make these teachers remain highly available by appointment.  
 .. To those people who supported Red Socks Day.

### People of the Week

.. Those children who sat their International Schools English Exam this week ... and especially to those who diligently did their weekly practice papers in the weeks prior.  
 .. Kayla who was presented with a Leadership award by the Sir Peter Blake Trust at the end of last term... a significant achievement Kayla. Well done!  
 .. Brenda Sinclair for taking time out during the holidays to help a student with her debating.

### Good Luck

To our senior debating team which competes at Huanui School this coming Monday.

### And our consideration stars ...

Congratulations to the following children who were selected by their classes as shining examples of consideration ... thank you for being such great role models.

Rm 3	Tremarn	Rm 3	Caden
Rm 4	Stori	Rm 4	Nicole
Rm 5	Phoenix	Rm 5	Liam
Rm 5	Ephraim	Rm 6	Summer
Rm 6	Lauchie	Rm 7	Rylee
Rm 7	Hannah	Rm 8	Amy
Rm 9	Joseph	Rm 9	Ben
Rm 10	Toby	Rm 10	Johnathan
Rm 10	Megan	Rm 10	Tylar
Rm 11	Belinda	Rm 11	Kayla
Rm 12	Ariah	Rm 12	Sarah

### Our current virtue is OBEDIENCE

Please find support material attached for the obedience virtue. Over the next week please set aside some time ..

1. To discuss this material with your children
2. To talk about a time(s) when you have practised obedience in your life
3. Maybe set some targets
4. Let us know of examples worth sharing

Children will also spend some time at school learning about this virtue and especially how it links with our overall focus this year which is making choices.

### Science and Technology Fair Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the forthcoming Science and technology fair ..

<i>Action Research</i>	<i>Investigation</i>	<i>Technology</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Karmelle (Yr 8)	Town Rep - Kayla	Town Rep - Harrison
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jared (Yr 8)	Town Rep - Ruby	Town Rep - Flynn
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Grace (Yr 8)	Town Rep - Andrew	
1 <sup>st</sup> - Oliver (Yr 7)	Town Rep - Luke	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tayla (Yr 7)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Angus (Yr 7)		
<b>Highly Commended</b>		
Kate (Yr 8)	Michelle	Brad
Hayoon (Yr 8)	Samuel	Jordan
Tamsin (Yr 8)		
Max (Yr 8)		
James (Yr 7)		
Caleb (Yr 7)		
Natasha (Yr 7)		

### Out of Zone Enrolments

This is to advise that the Board of Trustees has made the following places available for Out of Zone students for 2014.

.. 20 places at years 1 to 6

.. 8 places at years 7 and 8

Please note that Application Forms for Out of Zone Enrolment can be requested from our school office and need to be received **no later than 4 September**. Please note that receipt of application is not a guarantee of a place. **If the number of applications exceed the number of available places these will be allocated by a ballot scheduled for 11 September**. Parents will be advised of the outcome by early the following week.

### Term Calendar

***Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.***

6 August - Open Evening at Kamo High School (Refer earlier letter or contact Mr D)

6 August - Ten Pin Bowling

7 August - Visit by team from Whangarei Boys' High to discuss programmes - 1:30 PM - parents welcome

7 August - School Photos

8 August - Whangarei Girls' High School Open Evening (Refer earlier letter or contact Mr D)

13 August - International Schools Maths Exam

14 August - NEMP assessors on site working with year 4 children

20 August - Information evening to discuss year 7 and 8 programmes

21 August - Kamo High School Enrolments - here at Matarau School (details to follow)

22 August - Year 8 HPV vaccination (final dose)

26 August - Regional Science Fair Week

27 August - Seniors visit the Regional Fair

27 August - Room 2,3 and 4 trip to Kiwi North / Maunu Museum

28 August - Room 5,6 and 7 trip Kiwi North / Maunu Museum

28 August - Seniors to W.G.H.S. for outdoor education experience

6 September - Mathex

10 September - Choir Festival

16 September - AIMS Games

25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi

26 September - Talent Showcase

27 September - Final day of term

### **After School Labs**

- .. start next week - Mondays and Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Please ensure ..
- .. that children bring a snack for after school
- .. that they are picked up by 4:30 PM.

Any questions relating to the reading labs to Mr Schuster please. Any questions relating to the maths Labs to Mrs Donaldson please.

### **Puberty Change Unit**

Starts for year 7 and 8 students next week and will run for 3 weeks. Please sign your child's workbook at the end of each day and please contact Mr D or Mrs Donaldson with any questions.

### **Senior Technology Programme (Year 7 and 8)**

Parents are reminded that the tech bus departs school at 9:00 AM on the dot, meaning students need to be checked off at 8:45. Please ensure they are at school no later than 8:45 AM. This week a number of students almost missed the tech bus. Thank you.

### **Homework and the Senior School**

Currently our senior school is experimenting with putting homework activities and tasks online. We are doing this to enhance our IT programme and in order to provide support material where appropriate. We know things will take a while to settle, but by mid-month each child should know where to find their homework and how to complete the activities. If your child is encountering difficulty please advise their teacher. Thank you for your patience along the way.

### **Squash Programme (Year 7 and 8)**

Children who have expressed interest in squash lessons will have brought a consent form home today. Please return this by Tuesday of next week. Any questions please to Mr D.

### **The Mobile Ear Clinic**

.. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 - 3:30 on Tuesday 6 August. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

### **Learner Portfolios**

If you have not yet done so please return your child's portfolio to school.

### **School Photos - 7 August**

Photo order forms were issued this week. Please return money and orders to school by Tuesday. Please note that photo money must accompany the order .. payable to Liz Davies and NOT Matarau School. Any questions to Helen please.

### **Term Headlice Inspection**

.. will take place next Tuesday 6 August with a follow up the week after. Please thoroughly check your child's hair in advance of this and treat where necessary. **Thanks again to those helping out with the inspections.**

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

This will be held in the School Office Foyer during the week of 19 August - 23 August. Children will be able to view books before school, during breaks and after school, and may bring home a "Wish List". Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and have a look. The school will receive a percentage of book sales.

### **The International Schools Maths Exams**

.. is scheduled for 13 August. Practice papers will be available from the office in the intervening period and parents are asked to ensure that time is taken to sit these papers at home please.

### International schools Maths and English papers

Please return practice papers promptly so these can be made available to other students.

### Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

.. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds

.. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them



### THIS WEEK .. CYCLING .. discuss ..

1. Keep left
2. Check over the shoulder for traffic
3. Use the correct lane
4. Pass other road users safely
5. Use hand signals
6. Be safe and courteous when cycling with others
7. Share the road and path
8. Expect and avoid hazards

***And we would add .. WEAR YOUR HIGH VISIBILITY VEST***

You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance. A guide book was sent home for parents last week (check your child's schoolbag). Please put this in a safe place and use as we tackle the content sub-topic at a time. THANKS!

### Dodopuzzles

Next week we would like to invite your support for a fund-raising initiative which is also highly educational. More to follow next week .. put your pennies aside.

### National Standards .. a restatement

A small number of enquiries regarding National Standard Assessments hint that some people may have missed the following statement from last term's final newsletter. This is included again to assist you to better understand the standards. Please note the following points ..

... that deviations in judgements are highly possible year to year as the Ministry re-interprets the standards and as our systems adjust and improve (some children who were "at standard" last year may be "below standard" now .. **this does NOT necessarily mean they have "gone backwards"**). This is unfortunate but it is not a problem of our making.

.. that the standards (above, at, below) do **NOT** mean above, at or below average. **In some areas the standards are aspirational and the designers have (for reasons that are not always clear) determined that the majority of children nationwide do not meet this standard.**

.. that because there is no mechanism for consistency of judgement across schools, **comparisons school to school (and national tables which aim to do this) are not meaningful.**

It is essential to remember that ..

- .. **data is only one part of the achievement picture**
- .. **test performances can vary widely one test to another for a host of complex reasons**
- .. **individual test results are NOT likely to be important .. trends and patterns are**
- .. **you should avoid reaching conclusions on data without meeting first with your child's teacher to build the picture and place results in context** .. in many cases your child's teacher will know greatly more than any assessment(s) can show and so please trust their judgement and listen to them as they join the dots and paint a wider picture.

**Finally** .. Welcome back. We look forward to your involvement in our school this term.

And again ... please get behind our road safety initiative and discuss the relevant weekly material with your child(ren). ***This week around two thirds of children said they had been discussing these at home with their parents. Well done parents.***

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**Milk in Schools**

If you would be interested in helping distribute milk to the children for approximately 1hr two mornings a week it would be most appreciated.

Without your help this programme will be unable to continue. If you can help or would like more information please contact the School Office.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Wanted** - Farmers are you plagued by possums? Reliable youth whom is looking to expand hobby to a career is wanting land to trap and shoot possums. Call Oliver Wynyard 0211878850.



**New Zealand Badminton Academy** – Every Tuesday after school (3pm-4.30pm) in the school Hall. \$40. For more info please contact shane Ringrose 4335544 or [shane.ringrose@gmail.com](mailto:shane.ringrose@gmail.com).

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**Maungatapere Community Market** - To be held at the Maungatapere Hall, Sunday 25th August, 10am – 2pm. Hope to see you there!!! Enquiries: Sue Anson 0212047281

## **School Lunches**

**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Mugeli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 3.



# FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

## WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 3 2013

Child \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00  
\_\_\_\_ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child \_\_\_\_\_

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 3 - 8 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

Items @ \$4.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ weeks =

In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.

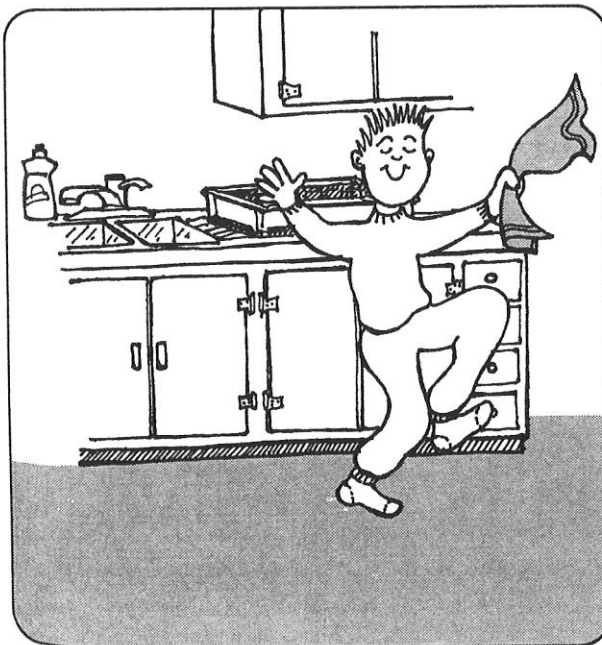


# How Do You Practice It?

Obedience begins with knowledge – learn what the rules are in your family and your school, your country and your Faith.

Use your will power to follow the rules, even when you feel like breaking them or ignoring them. Take responsibility for following the rules, rather than waiting to be reminded. Be faithful to what God, your parents, elders and teachers ask of you even when no one is watching. Follow the laws of the land in which you live.

Be respectful of those in authority when they tell you what to do, even if you don't agree with or understand it. If you need to question a rule or decision, do it respectfully and then do what you know is truly right.



Obey your own inner authority, that place of truth within you which knows what is right. Have the courage to stand for what is true.

If you break a law, and there are consequences to pay, have the courage to learn from your mistake. Face the consequences willingly. Then, forgive yourself and get a fresh start.

Don't be afraid to try again.

## ***What would Obedience look like if ...***

You want to join a friend across a busy street and feel like rushing over to her without using the crosswalk?

You want to spend the night at a friend's home and your parents tell you that you can't? You think they are being unfair.

You're visiting your grandparents for the summer, and they have different rules for bedtime, baths, and chores than you are used to at home?

Someone in authority tries to get you to do something which you feel is wrong or hurtful?

# Signs of Success

## ***Congratulations! You are practicing Obedience when you...***

- Learn the rules of your family, your school, religion and country.
- Use your will power to follow the rules, even when you feel like breaking or ignoring them.
- Keep your agreements and take responsibility without having to be reminded.
- Do what is right even when no one is watching.
- If you need to question authority, do it respectfully.
- If you break a rule or law, accept the consequences. Then get a fresh start.
- Listen to your own inner authority.



## ***Keep trying! You need more practice when you...***

- Don't know what the rules are and don't care to learn them.
- Resent the guidance of elders, teachers or the laws of the land – just do whatever you want.
- Ignore laws which keep you and others safe.
- Question a decision or rule by whining, complaining, or getting mad.
- Need people to tell you three or four times before doing anything.
- Obey only if someone is watching.
- Never question authority, even when it hurts you or others.



***Affirmation:*** Today, I will practice obedience. I will listen respectfully to my elders and keep my agreements without being reminded. I have the courage to face a just consequence and make a new start.